

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ESTIMATES OF WOOL PRODUCTION, 1926-27.

Those interested in the Woollen Industry, specially the growers and selling brokers, having expressed a desire for early estimates pending the issue of the actual complete results later in the Season, the following estimates for South Australia as to the strength of sheep flocks as at December 31st 1926, sheep and lambs slaughtered 1926, and number shorn and wool-clip for the Season 1926-27 are issued. In future years these estimates will appear in the month of February and complete and final details during the following July. The data available as a basis for these estimates represents a fair percentage of the whole and hence the forecasts herewith should very closely approximate the final results when completed.

Official Estimates of Sheep and Wool, Season 1926-27, for South Australia.

1. SHEEP.

Actual number, December 31st, 1925	6,808,615
Lambs marked 1926 (Estimated)	1,750,000
Net Imports 1926 (Actual)	305,326
	8,863,941
Less	
Slaughterings 1926 (Estimated)	1,050,000
Mortality, Drought &c. 1926 (Estimated)	350,000
ESTIMATED SHEEP DECEMBER 31ST, 1926	7,463,941
Say 7,450,000	

2. WOOL-CLIP, 1926-27.

Actual	Estimated
1925-26	1926-27

Sheep and Lambs Shorn	No.	6,915,238	7,550,000
Wool-Clip in grease (including crutchings)	Lbs.	60,380,584	65,307,500
Average weight of fleece (sheep and lambs combined)	Lbs.	8.73	8.65

3. INTERSTATE MOVEMENTS OF WOOL.

excess over
exports

During the Season a considerable quantity of wool produced in N.S.W., Victoria and some from Western Australia reaches Adelaide for the Wool Sales and a fair quantity of this State's wool from the South East mainly is sent to Victoria. From the monthly records of transport kept by the Railways and Harbors Departments, it is estimated that the net quantity of Interstate wool received in Adelaide for the 1926-27 Sales and shipment was 8,150,000 lbs, the totals being Imports from other States 21,150,000 lbs., Exports to States 13,000,000 lbs.

This, with the State's wool-clip, would give an estimated grand total of 73,457,500 lbs. of wool in Adelaide for Sale and shipment for the Season 1926-27.

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